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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ON
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

A Notice of Allowance was mailed in the above captioned application on January 14, 2003. A Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently herewith together with an Information Disclosure Statement. Preliminary to the continued examination please amend the above captioned application as follows:

In the Claims:

1. (Twice Amended). A decorative base paper for decorative coating materials, comprising a pigment mixture of titanium dioxide and talc, wherein the talc has a content of 0.1 to 25 wt% based on the total pigment content, and a particle size distribution D50 of less than approximately 2.0 μ m.

6. (Once Amended). A decorative paper or decorative sheet containing a decorative base paper, said base paper comprises a pigment mixture of titanium dioxide and talc, wherein the talc has a content of 0.1 to 25 wt% based on the total pigment content, and the talc has a particle size distribution D50 of less than